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RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, XENOPHOBIA
AND RELATED INTOLERANCE

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Item 4 of the provisional agenda

SUBMISSION OF THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA, VENUE OF THE WORLD CONFERENCE AND PRACTICAL ISSUES

**Draft provisional agenda of the World Conference, venue
of the World Conference and practical issues**

Note by the Secretary-General

The Secretary-General has the honour to transmit to the Preparatory Committee the draft provisional agenda of the World Conference, taking into account decision PC.1/13 adopted by the Preparatory Committee at its first session (A/CONF.189/PC.1/21, annex I), as well as information concerning the venue of the Conference and practical issues.

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**DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF
THE WORLD CONFERENCE**

1. Opening of the Conference.
2. Election of the President.
3. Opening addresses.
4. Adoption of the rules of procedure.
5. Election of the other officers of the Conference.
6. Credentials of representatives to the Conference.
 - (a) Appointment of the Credentials Committee;
 - (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.
7. Adoption of the agenda.
8. Organization of work.
9. Sources, causes, forms and contemporary manifestations of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance.
10. Victims of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance.
11. Measures of prevention, education and protection aimed at the eradication of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance at the national, regional and international levels.
12. Provision of effective remedies, recourse, redress, [compensatory]* and other measures at the national, regional and international levels.
13. Strategies to achieve full and effective equality, including international cooperation and enhancement of United Nations and other international mechanisms in combating racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, and follow-up.
14. Adoption of the final document and the report of the Conference.

* The square brackets in item 12 indicate that general agreement has not been reached on the word "compensatory".

VENUE AND PRACTICAL ISSUES

1. Venue

1. The World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance will take place at the International Convention Centre (ICC) from 31 August to 7 September 2001 in Durban, South Africa. The Durban Exhibition Centre (DEC) and the Hilton Hotel will also form part of the Conference site. The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights sent a note verbale to all Permanent Missions on 14 March 2001 confirming the dates and the venue of the Conference, and noting that it will be at the ministerial level.

2. Programme of work

2. The programme of the World Conference will include:
- (a) A plenary, which will hold three meetings per day;
 - (b) A Main Committee;
 - (c) A Drafting Committee.
3. A daily timetable of meetings will be made available on the Order of the Day issued daily during the World Conference.

3. NGO accreditation and participation

4. Non-governmental organizations (NGOs) which are in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, indigenous peoples and organizations which have standing with the Council under resolution 1995/32, and other NGOs which have been accredited by the Preparatory Committee for the World Conference will be able to participate in the World Conference. Other NGOs wishing to participate should apply for accreditation with the NGO Liaison Officer at the World Conference secretariat at the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) at telephone: (+41 22) 917-9129 or fax (+41 22) 917-9050 and e.mail: lwiseberg.hchr@unog.ch.

4. NGO Forum

5. An NGO Forum will take place from 28 to 31 August 2001 at the Kingsmead Cricket Stadium in Durban. For further information about the Forum, visit the Web site of the South African NGO Coalition (SANGOCO) at: www.racism.org.za.

5. Youth Summit

6. A Youth Summit is being organized in cooperation with OHCHR, the host country, SANGOCO and an International Youth Committee. It is scheduled to take place on 27 August 2001 in Durban. The Youth Summit will welcome NGO youth representatives from various regions and youth delegates from government delegations. Details regarding the venue of the Youth Summit will be made available shortly.

6. Other parallel and associated events

7. There will be limited exhibition space at the DEC for exhibits and displays relating to the Conference. A number of special events and panel meetings are being organized by various United Nations treaty bodies, United Nations bodies and specialized agencies, national institutions and NGOs, as well as the host country. A programme of activities and events will be made available soon.

7. Accommodation

8. There is limited accommodation for participants in Durban. Conference participants are therefore encouraged to forward their requests soon to Turners Conferences, which has been appointed by the host country to arrange accommodation for all participants. An electronic accommodation booking form is now available at: <http://www.turners.co.za/WCAR>. The completed form should be forwarded to Turners before 1 July 2001.

9. Turners Conferences can be contacted at:

PO Box 1935
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8. Accreditation and registration

10. The World Conference is open to all participants referred to in General Assembly resolution 54/154 of 17 December 1999. All participants described therein must register for the World Conference. Registration forms and instructions will be available shortly from the Web site at: <http://www.unhchr.ch/html/racism/index.htm>. Registration forms for the NGO Forum are available from the SANGOCO Web site: www.racism.org.za. For media and press accreditation, see below. Please note that United Nations identification badges for Geneva, New York, Vienna and Nairobi will not be valid for the World Conference.

9. Media accreditation

11. All media representatives planning to attend the Conference should contact:

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